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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of Application No. 10/533,177, filed April 29, 2005 for: WELDING METHOD, by: Rostyslav Ilyushenko, Robert Jan Maziarz, Huw Davies.

l.	Submi	ssion re	quired under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
	a .	[]	Previously submitted [] Please enter in the present application the unentered Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, with any attachments, filed on in said prior application. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or reply Brief previously filed on
	b.	[X]	 Enclosed [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) [] Other

2. The filing fee is calculated below: [X]

	Claims	Highest						
	Remaining	No.	Present		1			
	After	Previously	Extra	Small			Large	
	Amendment	Paid For	(Equals)	Entity Rate	Fee	OR	Entity Rate	Fee
Total	17	- 21	=	x 25	\$		x 50	\$0
Indep.	4	- 4	=	x 100	\$		x 200	\$0
RCE fee				+ 395	\$		+ 790	\$790
Mult. Dep.			=	+ 180	\$		+ 360	\$
				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$790.00

[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim [MDC]

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3. [X] A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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